

Introduced by Senator HollingsworthFebruary 19, 2004

An act to add Section 8588.12 to the Government Code, relating to emergency services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1526, as introduced, Hollingsworth. Emergency services.

Existing law authorizes the Director of the Office of Emergency Services to procure from the federal government or any of its agencies surplus equipment, apparatus, supplies, and storage facilities that may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of existing laws relating to emergencies. Existing law also authorizes the office to acquire new or used firefighting apparatus and equipment for resale to local agencies.

This bill would require the office to develop a program to certify active duty military pilots to engage in firefighting in the state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) Active military personnel and equipment are located in
4 areas that can provide immediate fire response to assist local
5 efforts during equipment shortages or widespread disasters.

6 (b) The Office of Emergency Services provides valuable
7 assistance in coordinating emergency efforts.



1 (c) It is necessary to ensure that all available personnel and
2 equipment in this state are immediately available to protect the life
3 and property of the residents of this state.

4 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Office of
5 Emergency Services works with the active military to certify pilots
6 and equipment for firefighting efforts in this state.

7 SEC. 2. Section 8588.12 is added to the Government Code, to
8 read:

9 8588.12. The Office of Emergency Services shall develop a
10 program to certify active duty military pilots to engage in
11 firefighting in the state.

